

RESOLUTION NO. 94-125

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A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL  
IN OPPOSITION TO UNFUNDED MANDATES

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WHEREAS, unfunded federal mandates on state and local governments have increased significantly in recent years; and

WHEREAS, federal mandates require cities and towns to perform duties without consideration of local circumstances, costs, or capacity, and subject municipalities to civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance; and

WHEREAS, federal mandates require compliance regardless of other pressing local needs and priorities affecting the health, welfare, and safety of municipal citizens; and

WHEREAS, excessive federal burdens on local governments force some combination of higher local taxes and fees and/or reduced local services on citizens and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, federal mandates are too often inflexible, one-size-fits-all requirements that impose unrealistic time frames and specify procedures or facilities where less costly alternatives might be just as effective; and

WHEREAS, existing mandates impose harsh pressures on local budgets and the federal government has imposed a freeze upon funding to help compensate for any new mandates; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of these legislative and regulatory actions directly affect the citizens of our cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities, following up on last year's successful effort, is continuing its national public education campaign to help citizens understand and then reduce the burden and inflexibility of unfunded mandates, including a National Unfunded Mandates Week, October 24-30, 1994;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lodi endorses the efforts of the National League of Cities and supports working with NLC to fully inform our citizens about the impact of federal mandates on our government and the pocketbooks of our citizens;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lodi endorses organizing and participating in events during the week of October 24-30, 1994; and finally

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lodi resolves to continue our efforts to work with members of our Congressional delegation to

educate them about the impact of federal mandates and actions necessary to reduce their burden on our citizens.

Dated: October 19, 1994

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 94-125 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held October 19, 1994 by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members - Mann, Pennino, Snider and  
Sieglock (Mayor)

Noes: Council Members - None

Absent: Council Members - Davenport

  
Jennifer M. Perrin  
City Clerk